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Dear Ms. Campen,

Responsive to the Office Communication mailed September 26, 2005, in the above-styled patent application, please find enclosed Amendments to the Claims, including Status of All Claims. Although Applicant respectfully believes that this correction to Applicant's previously non-compliant amendment is subject to a one-month response period from the 9/26/2005 date of mailing, with extensions of time available thereafter, the timeline for reply and/or available extensions of time were not specifically referenced in the 9/26/2005 communication. As more fully discussed hereinbelow, in order to be certain of acceptance of Applicant's present response, Applicant has enclosed a four-month Petition for Extension of Time, and fees therefore, wherein the four-month period is calculated from the June 4, 2005 mailing date of Examiner's most recent action, which

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